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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC § 371 from
the International Application of
BOUTIQUE, Jean-Pol et al.
Int'l Appln No. PCT/US00/21570
Int'l Filing Date August 8, 2000
Priority Date August 10, 1999
Entitled: Detergent Compositions
Comprising Hydrotropes

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231
Dear Sir:

Before calculating the filling fee and concurrently with the U.S. National Phase Entry of the above-identified application please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 2-16, as follows.